

Resetting U.S. Climate Policy



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Climate Policy & Politics

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Your Tax Dollars Hard at Work Cost / Benefit Analysis ?



FISCAL YEAR 2016 CONFERENCE SPENDING REPORT

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Just One of a Multitude of Conferences

13th Annual EPA Small Drinking Water Systems Workshop

- ***Date:*** 09/13/2016 – 09/15/2016
- ***Location:*** Cincinnati, OH
- ***Cost:*** \$155,836
- ***Total Attendees:*** 259
- ***Individuals traveling on agency funds:*** 70 (55 EPA travelers and 15 Non-EPA travelers)
- ***How the conference advances the agency mission:*** The 13th Annual EPA Small Drinking Water Systems Workshop is designed primarily for state personnel responsible for the compliance of drinking water regulations and the permitting of treatment technology. Majority of the small drinking water systems in the US are limited in their ability to absorb scientific research data and comply with EPA regulation. The workshop provides the EPA and State exchanges to establish positive relationship to gain a better understanding of regulatory and compliance challenges that confront states. This event supports the Agency mission in providing training and technical assistance to states in carrying out the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

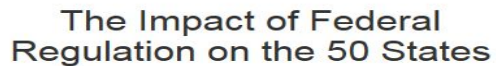
Devolve the EPA

- The states are eminently capable of, and should be responsible for, the protection of our air and water
- Heartland's Dr. Jay Lehr has a plan to migrate that responsibility from the EPA to the states over a 5-year plan, and thereby materially alter the existing structure of the EPA, which is worthy of serious consideration

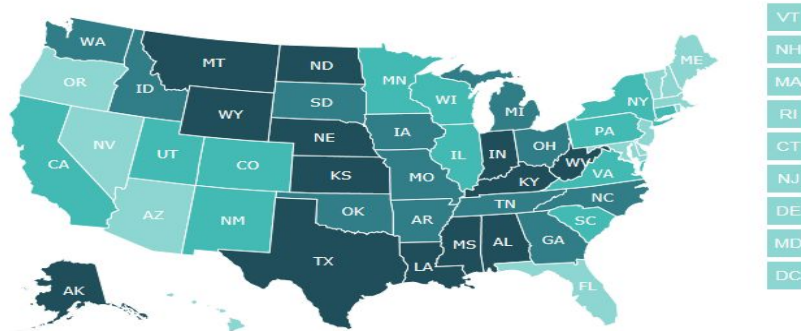
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List View



Click your state for analysis

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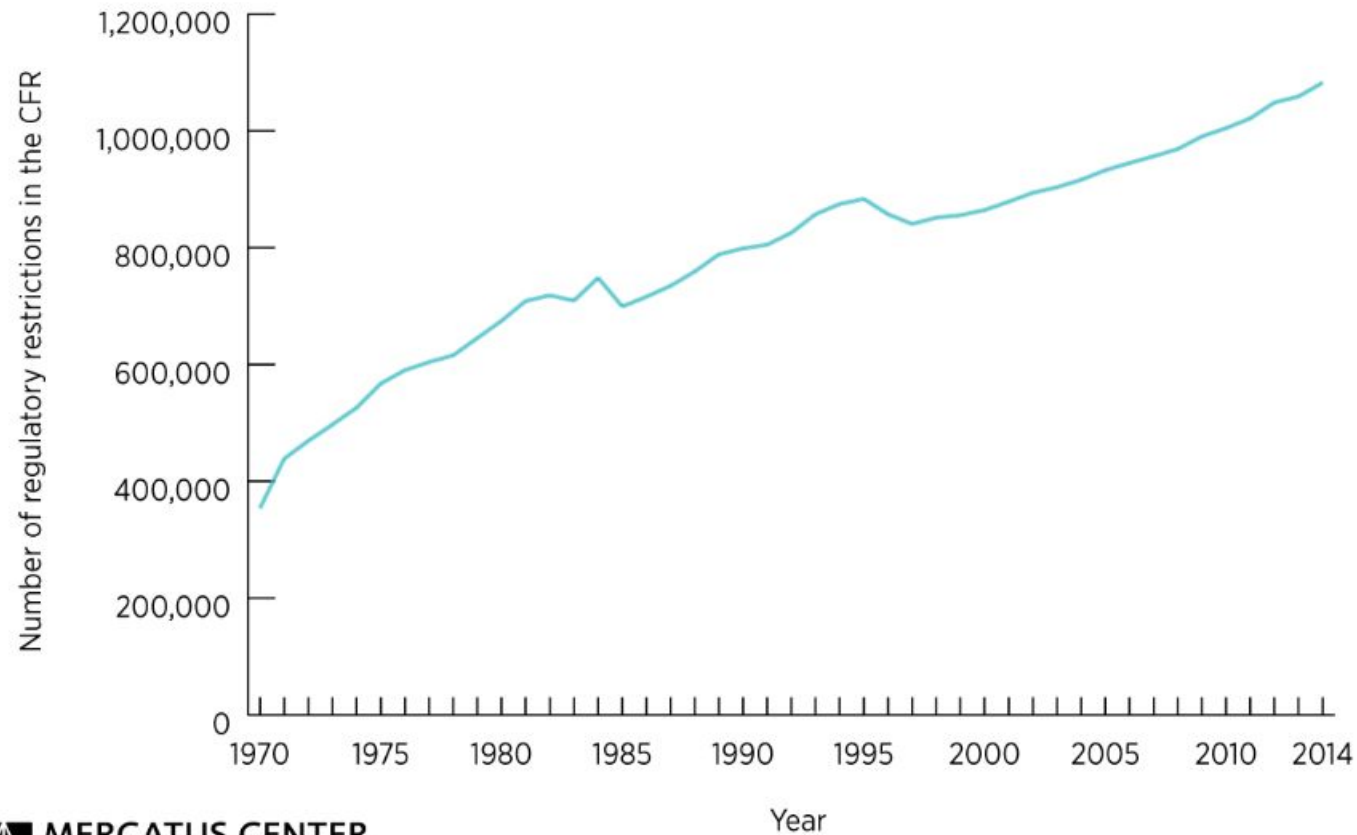
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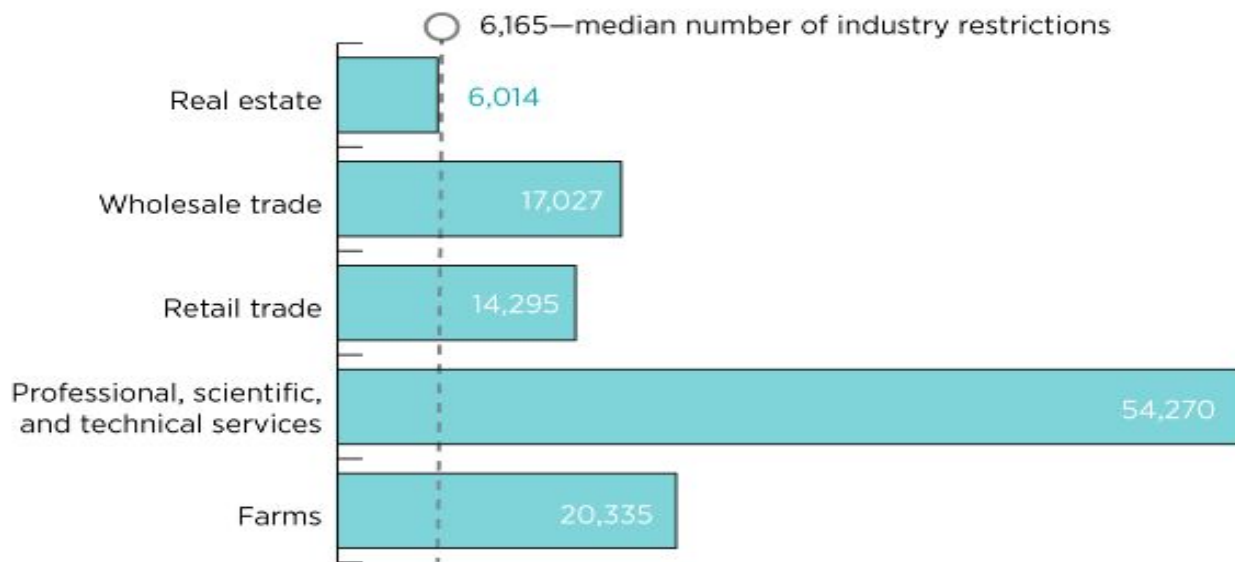
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Growth of Regulatory Restrictions

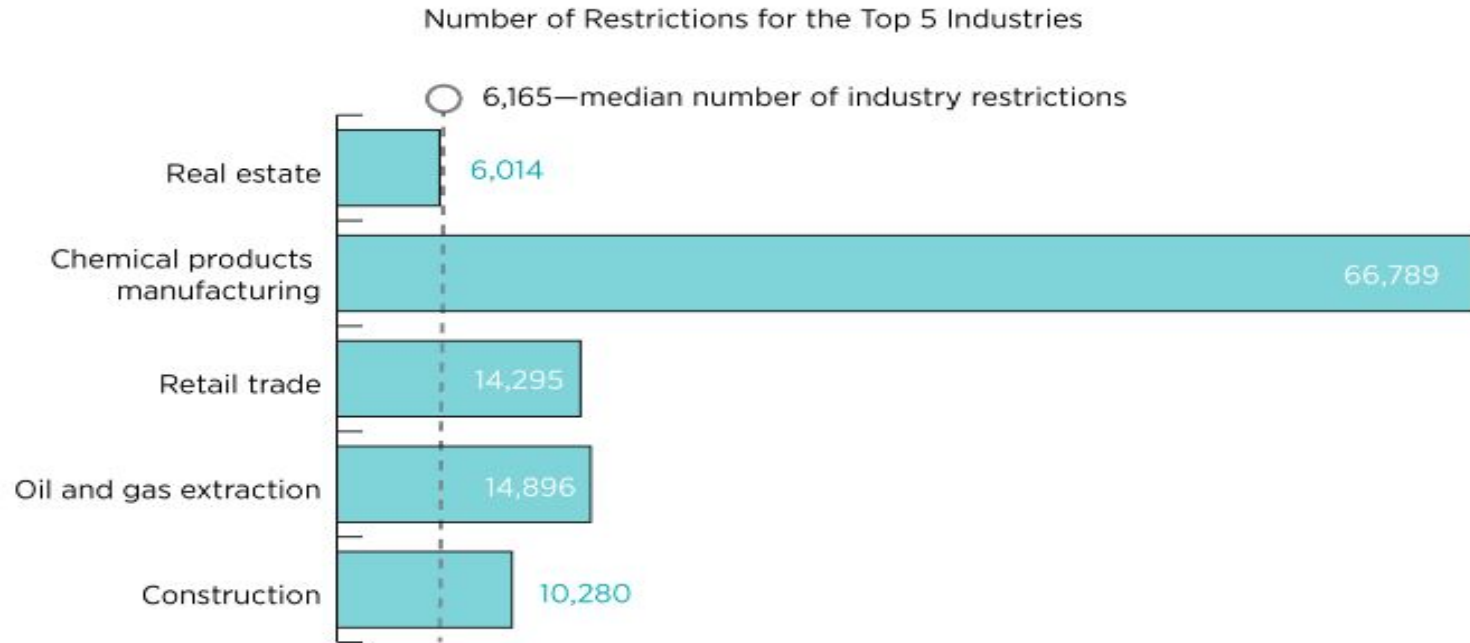


Kansas' Top 5 Industries Restrictions

Number of Restrictions for the Top 5 Industries



#1 Louisiana's Top 5 Industries Restrictions

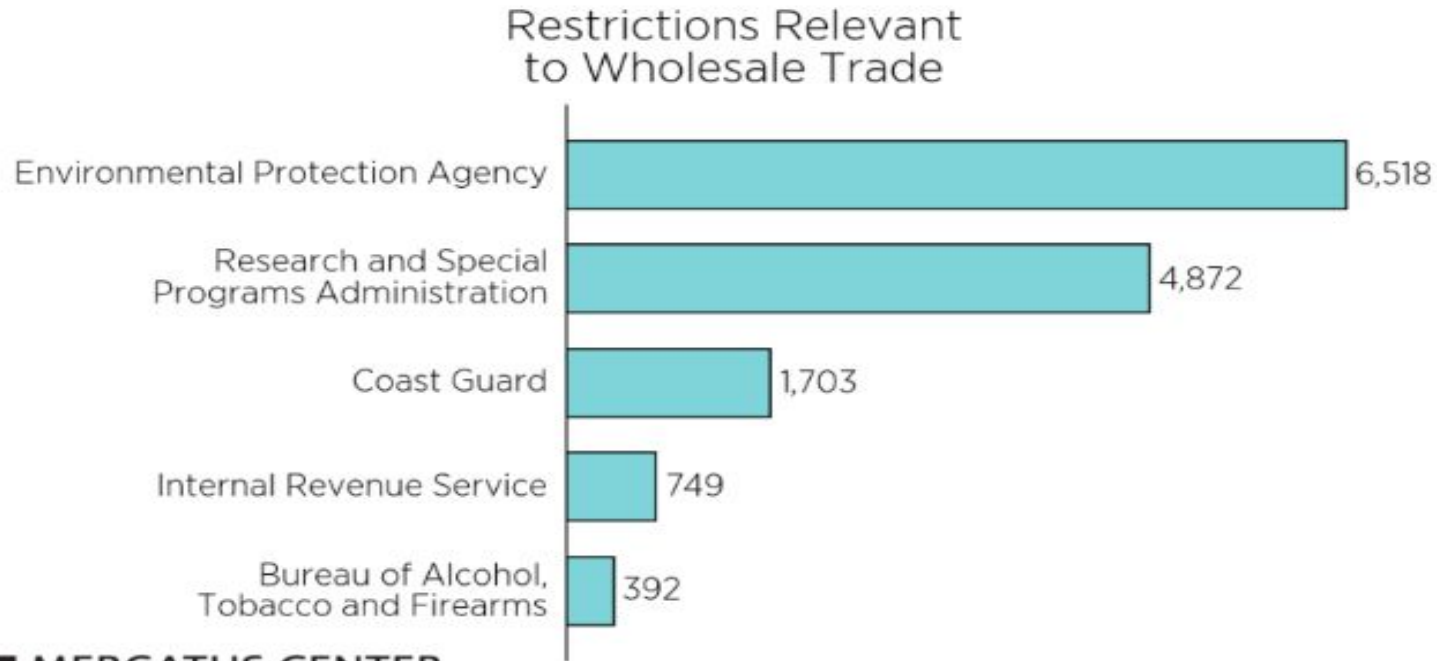


McLaughlin Sherhouse Top 10 Most Regulated Industries (US) for 2014

NAICS code	Industry name	Industry-relevant restrictions
3241	Petroleum and coal products manufacturing	25.48
2211	Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution	20.96
3361	Motor vehicle manufacturing	16.76
5222	Nondepository credit intermediation	16.58
5221	Depository credit intermediation	16.03
4811	Scheduled air transportation	13.31
1141	Fishing	13.22
5239	Other financial investment activities	12.26
2111	Oil and gas extraction	11.95
3254	Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing	11.51

Note: The number of industry-relevant restrictions is divided by 1,000 for ease of reading.

Sources of Regulations – Wholesale Trade



Enough is Enough Real Endangerment



STATES CONSIDER LAWS TO PENALIZE VIOLENT ANTI-PIPELINE PROTESTS

MARCH 2, 2017

By Bonner R. Cohen

Lawmakers in eight states have introduced bills designed to deter anti-fossil fuel protestors from damaging property, injuring bystanders, and blocking traffic.







From: The Heartland Institute, *Environment & Climate News*




Sustainability & Climate Change

How Deep and How Wide?


- US Department of Interior
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Department of Energy
- US Department of Education
- US Department of Commerce
- US Department of State
- US Department of Defense

It's All Behind Us Now – Not!

 U.S. Department of the Interior     

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Climate Change

The U.S. Department of the Interior manages one-fifth of the land in the United States, 35,000 miles of coastline, and 1.7 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf. The Department also upholds the federal government's trust responsibilities to 567 Indian tribes; conserves fish, wildlife, and their habitats; manages water supplies for more than 30 million people; and protects America's natural treasures.

The impacts of climate change have led the Department to focus on how we manage our nation's public lands and resources. The Department of the Interior contributes sound scientific research to address this and other environmental challenges.

Resources:

- [Bureau of Land Management](#)
- [Bureau of Ocean Energy Management](#)
- [Climate Science Centers](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- [U.S. Geological Survey](#)

US Department of (NOAA) Commerce

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**NOAA Fisheries Celebrates
Whale Week 2017**

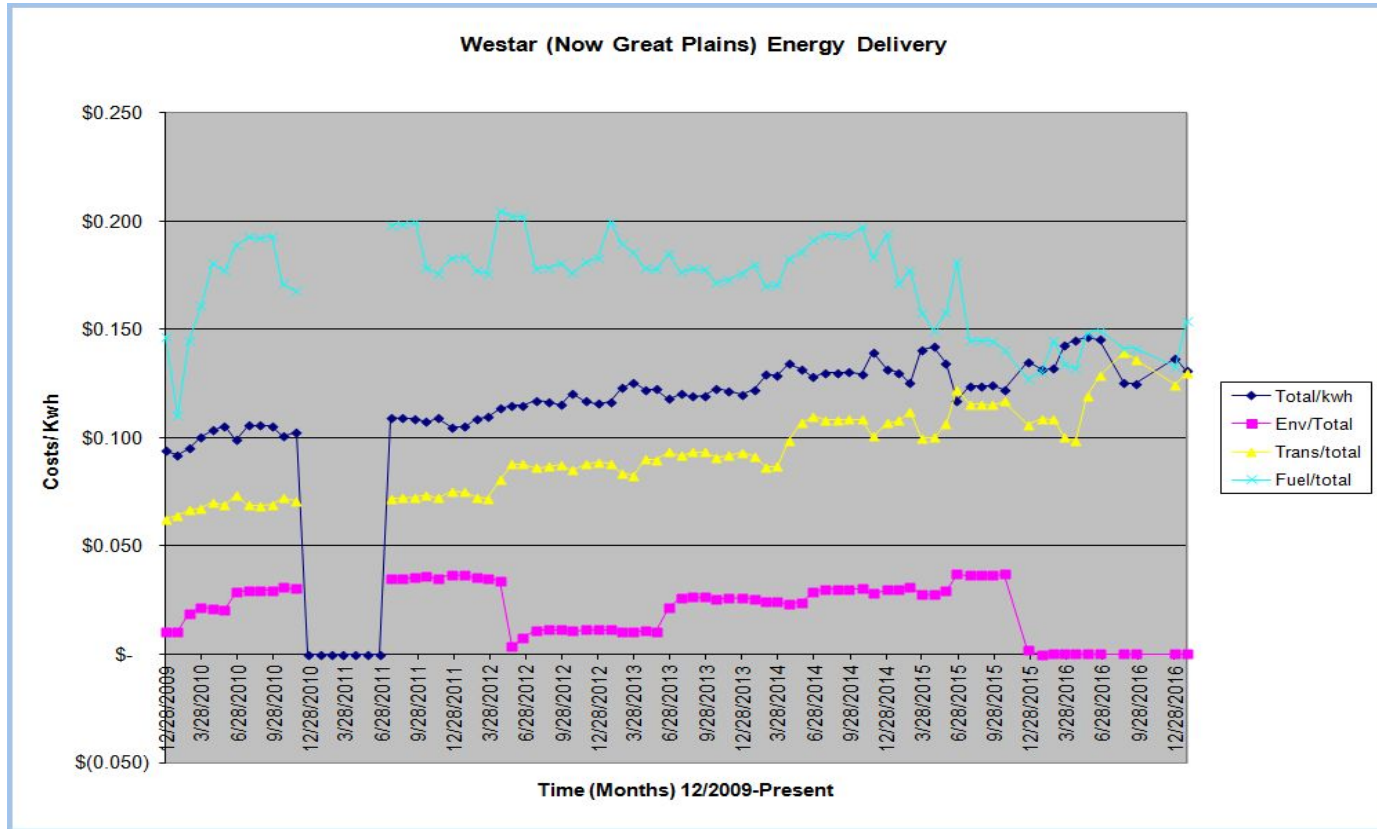
Impact of Regulations in Kansas



Clear Violation of the Iron Law

- If Kansas legislators had ever considered the **Iron Law of Regulation**, we would have avoided the majority of cost increases in electricity we have since incurred.

Residential Electricity Cost Trends in Kansas



More Energy Efficiency??



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CLIMATE CHANGE



The historic global agreement signed by nearly 200 nations at [COP21 in Paris](#) in November 2015 was a critical step forward on climate change. But we need ambitious action on clean energy to meet our climate goals, starting with greatly accelerated investment in innovation. [Learn more](#) about our plan to secure a better, safer future.

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August 10, 2015

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RE: Presentation at Bradbury Science Museum
Energy Council Group
June 20, 2015

Dear Dr. Wallace,

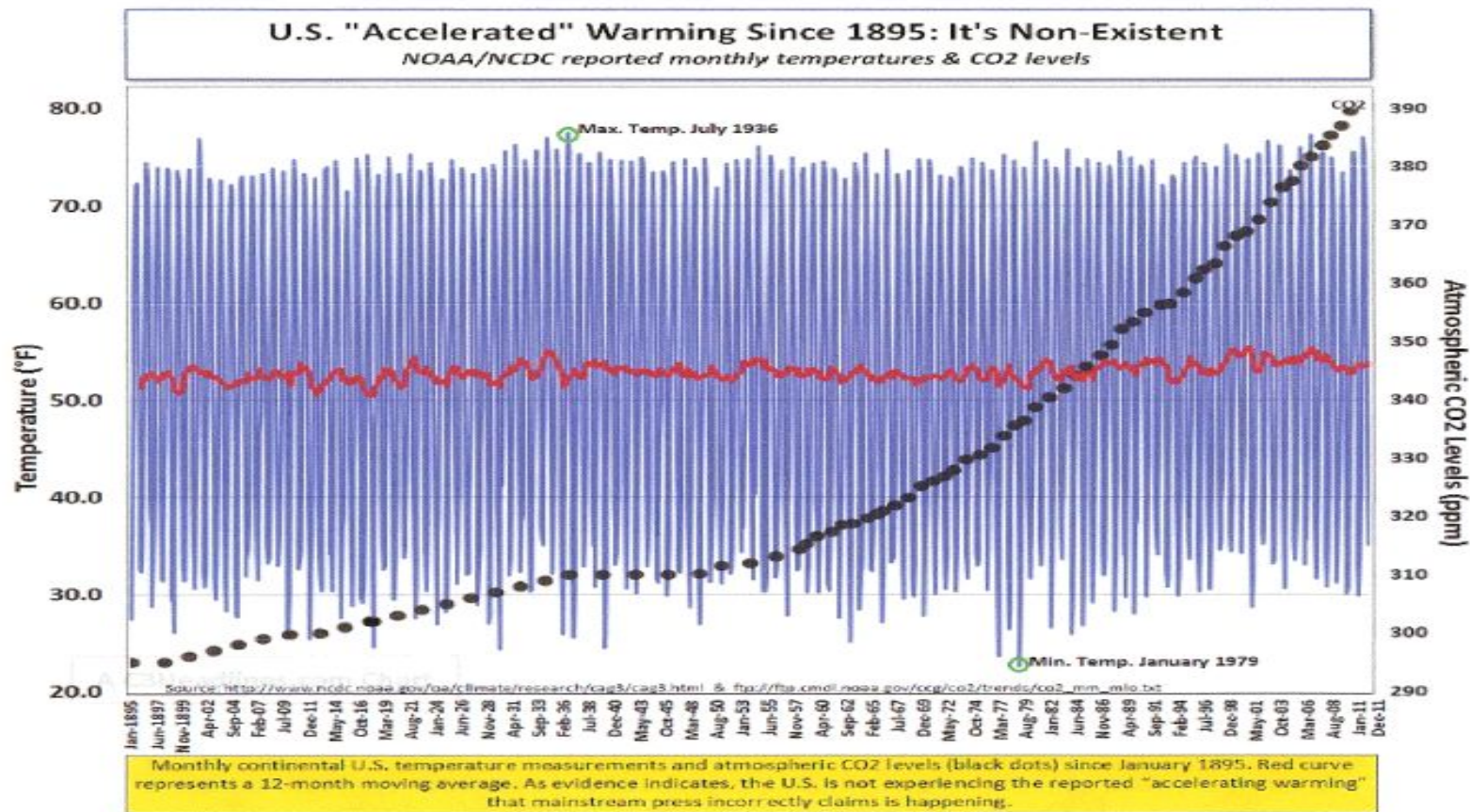
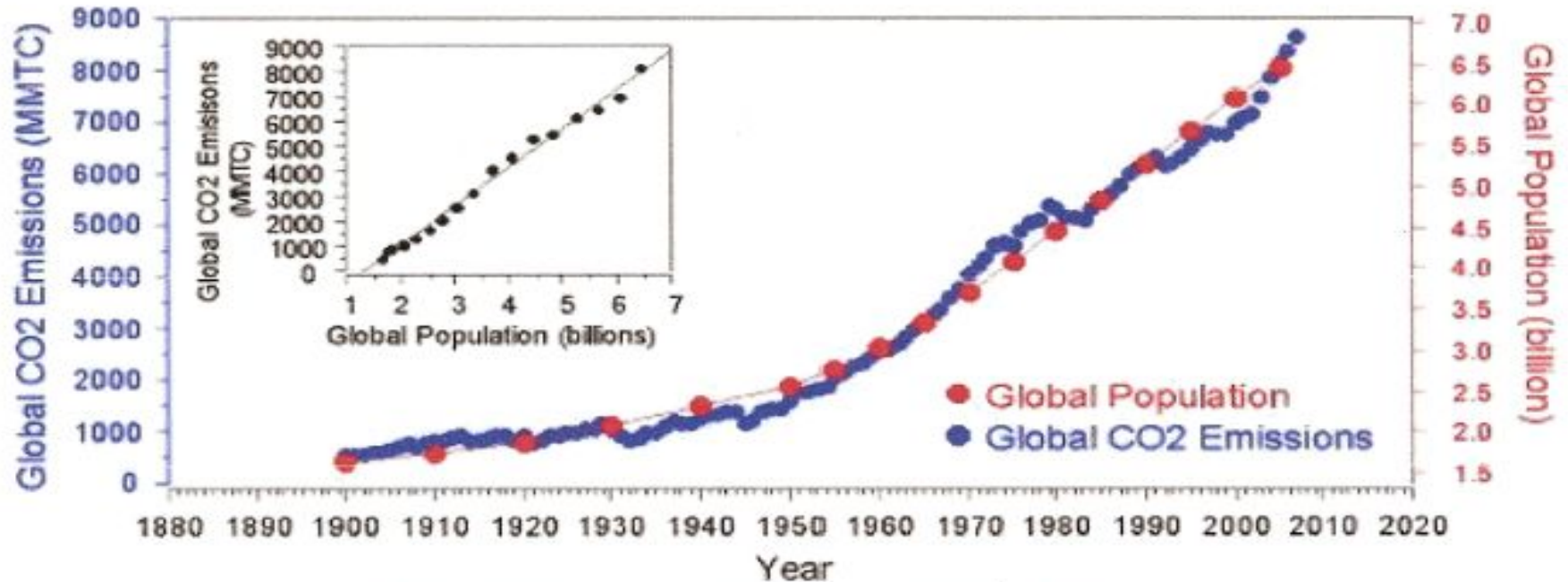


Figure 1 (<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/research/cag3/cag5.html>, and ftp://ftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/ccg/co2/trends/co2_mm_mlo.txt)

A Correlation You Can Trust



What the Future Holds in Store, World Climate Report, WordPress.com, [online]

<http://www.worldclimaterreport.com/index.php/2008/01/30/what-the-future-holds-in-store/>

Trump's EPA to Cut 25%

There are numerous programs targeted for elimination, but is it enough?

- Alaska Native Villages
- Beach and Fish programs
- Brownfield projects
- Clean Power Plan implementation
- Climate Voluntary partnership programs (there are 14 separate ones)
- Diesel Emissions Reduction Act
- Endocrine grants
- Energy star grants
- Environmental education
- Environmental justice

Trump's Proposed Cuts - Page 2

- Geographical programs for Lake [Champlain], L.I. Sound, S.F. Bay, South FL
- Global Change Research
- Mexico Border grants
- Multi-purpose grants
- Office of Public Engagement
- Radon
- Star Research grants
- Small minority businesses
- State indoor radon
- Targeted air shed grants
- U.S. Mexico Border
- Water Sense

Conclusions

- We must aggressively trim, restructure and eliminate multiple programs within the federal system that have any association with the god of Sustainability, especially and starting with the EPA.
- It is incumbent upon us to strive to deliver the truth to the American people with good science, properly constructed legislation, and policy-making that is grounded in the Iron Law of Regulation.